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SUBJECT: REACTION TO NUCLEAR ACCORD: BRAZILIAN REPLY REPORTED

REF: BRASILIA 0936

1. SUMMARY. ITAMARATY PRESS RELEASE, INDICATING GOB HAD RE-  
PLIED THROUGH AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON TO SECRETARY'S JAN. 27  
COMMUNICATIONS, DOMINATED FEB. 3 REACTION TO U.S. EFFORTS TO  
DELAY IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FRG-GOB NUCLEAR ACCORD. RELEASE  
NOTED AMBASSADOR HAD DELIVERED LETTER AND VERBAL MESSAGE FROM  
SILVEIRA INDICATING GOB DESIRED TO CONTINUE DIALOGUE WITH U.S.  
AND INVITING SECRETARY TO VISIT. IN VERBAL MESSAGE, RELEASE  
ALLEGED, SECRETARY WAS TOLD BRAZIL ALREADY HAD DEFINED AND  
CLEAR POSITIONS ABOUT NON-PROLIFERATION "AND WILL NOT SEEK TO  
AVOID TREATING GLOBAL ASPECTS OF THE PROBLEM." ESTADO NOTED  
NUCLEBRAS PRESIDENT WAS SECRETLY IN FRG WHERE GERMANS HAD RE-  
AFFIRMED THEY WOULD NOT ALTER OR SUSPEND THE ACCORDS. WHILE  
GERMANS WOULD CONSULT WITH U.S., THIS SHOULD NOT BE INTERPRETED  
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BY GOB AS A WEAKENING OF FRG POSITION RE ACCORD. PRESS, WITH  
EXCEPTION OF ESTADO, STUCK TO STRAIGHT NEWS STORIES  
REPORTING ITAMARATY RELEASE, VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE'S FEB. 2  
STATEMENT ABOUT NON-PROFLIFERATION CONSULTATIONS AND DEPARTMENT'S  
CLARIFICATION RE SENSITIVE PARTS OF NUCLEAR ACCORD.

END SUMMARY.

2. UNDER HEADLINES FEB. 3 THAT "SILVEIRA INVITES CYRUS VANCE IN ORDER TO DISCUSS THE ATOM IN BRAZIL" AND THAT BRAZIL WAS WILLING TO NEGOTIATE, PRESS INDICATED THAT BRAZIL FEB 2. RESPONDED THROUGH ITS AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON TO THE SECRETARY'S JAN. 27 COMMUNICATION DELIVERED HERE.

3. ITAMARATY DISTRIBUTED THE FOLLOWING PRESS RELEASE TO THE PRESS IN BRASILIA: "THE SECRETARY OF STATE, CYRUS VANCE, TODAY RECEIVED BRAZILIAN AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON, JOAO BATISTA PINHEIRO, AND HE DELIVERED THE RESPONSE OF FOREIGN MINISTER AZEREDO DA SILVEIRA TO THE LETTER AND THE VERBAL MESSAGE TRANSMITTED ON JAN. 27 BY NORTH AMERICAN AMBASSADOR IN BRASILIA, JOHN H. CRIMMINS.

4. "IN HIS LETTER OF RESPONSE, MINISTER SILVEIRA SAID TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF BRAZIL HARBORS CONCERNING RELATIONS WITH THE U.S. THE IDENTICAL SENTIMENTS OF THOSE THAT WERE EXPRESSED IN THE NAME OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE ABOUT THE RELATIONS OF HIS COUNTRY WITH BRAZIL. IT SAYS THAT THE BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT IS CONTINUOUSLY PREPARED TO ENGAGE IN A DIALOGUE WITH THE NORTH AMERICAN GOVERNMENT WITH A VIEW TO MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL COOPERATION. IT POINTS OUT THAT THE CLIMATE OF FRIENDSHIP THAT HAS PREVAILED IN RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES HAS ALWAYS MADE POSSIBLE, THAT THIS DIALOGUE PROCEED WITH RECIPROCAL RESPECT FOR THE POSITION OF EACH COUNTRY. IT ENDS BY INVITING SECRETARY OF STATE TO COME TO BRAZIL WHEN IT IS CONVENIENT FOR HIM."

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5. "IN A VERBAL MESSAGE IN WHICH HE RESPONDED TO THAT WHICH ALSO WAS TRANSMITTED VERBALLY BY AMBASSADOR CRIMMINS, FOREIGN MINISTER AZEREDO DA SILVEIRA, WHEN TAKING NOTE OF THE DISPOSITION OF THE NORTH AMERICAN GOVERNMENT TO REOPENING AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS AT A POLITICAL LEVEL, SHOWED THE IDENTICAL DISPOSITION, AS WELL AS HIS CONCURRENCE IN REINITIATING THIS DIALOGUE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. REGARDING THE NUCLEAR QUESTION, FOREIGN MINISTER AZEREDO DA SILVEIRA MANIFESTED TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE THAT BRAZIL HAS POSITIONS ALREADY DEFINED AND ABSOLUTELY CLEAR ABOUT PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR ARMS AND WILL NOT SEEK TO AVOID TREATING THE GLOBAL ASPECTS OF THE PROBLEM."

6. IN A BACKGROUNDER, ESTADO DE SAO PAULO CALLED THE TERMS OF THE MESSAGE BY SILVEIRA "DIPLOMATICALLY HARD" AND SAID THEY DEMONSTRATED CLEARLY BRAZIL'S DISPOSITION TO SHOW ITS DISAGREEMENT WITH THE RECENT DECLARATION OF THE CARTER GOVERNMENT. ESTADO CLAIMED THIS WAS MOST EVIDENT IN THE PHRASE IN WHICH SILVEIRA INVITED THE SECRETARY TO CONTINUE  
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A BILATERAL DIALOGUE AND "VISIT BRASILIA WHEN IT IS CONVENIENT FOR HIM". PAPER SAID THAT OBSERVERS UNDERSTAND THIS TO BE A GOB LACK OF INTEREST IN ANY CONVERSATIONS.

7. ESTADO ALSO INDICATED THAT NUCLEBRAS PRESIDENT, PAULO NOGUEIRA BATISTA, WHO IS IN BONN HAS INFORMED MINISTER OF MINES AND ENERGY UEKI THAT THE GERMANS HAD REAFFIRMED THAT THEY WOULD NOT ALTER OR SUSPEND TEMPORARILY THE EXECUTION OF THE NUCLEAR ACCORD. QUOTING A HIGH LEVEL OFFICIAL IN THE NUCLEAR SECTOR, ESTADO SAID BATISTA HAD INDICATED THE GERMANS WERE GOING TO PARTICIPATE IN CONVERSATIONS WITH THE AMERICANS, BUT THIS DID NOT MEAN THAT THEY INTENDED TO SOFTEN THEIR POSITION. (FACT THAT BATISTA IS IN BONN, ACCORDING TO THE PRESS, COMES AS A SURPRISE BECAUSE BATISTA WAS ALLEGEDLY TO BE IN BRASILIA.)

8. REGARDING SAFEGUARDS, ESTADO ALSO QUOTED ITAMARATY OFFICIAL WHO SAID PUBLICATION OF SAFEGUARDS FEB. 2 (REFTEL) SHOWS THAT

NUCLEAR SECURITY IS COMPLETE AND "LITERALLY AN IMPEDIMENT TO THE FABRICATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS OR ANY PARTS." OFFICIAL NOTED THAT ALL THE GUARANTEES SOLICITED HAD BEEN CONCEDED BY THE GOB. OTHER ITAMARATY SOURCES SAID, HOWEVER, THAT GOB WOULD NOT OPPOSE RESTUDYING OF GUARANTEES, ALTHOUGH THE NUCLEAR ACCORD ITSELF WOULD NOT BE ALTERED.

9. IN ANALYTICAL ARTICLE, ESTADO STRESSED THAT DESIRE FOR AUTONOMY OVER BRAZILIAN RESOURCES GAVE STRONG IMPETUS TO MILITARY SUPPORT FOR THE ACCORD. ARTICLE NOTED THAT MILITARY SAW TECHNOLOGICAL BENEFITS GROWING OUT OF THE ACCORD WITH FRG WHICH WOULD DEVELOP OTHER INDUSTRIAL SECTORS PARALLEL TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS. THE ACCORD WOULD OPEN THE DOOR TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF COMPLEX INDUSTRIES. ARTICLE, BY WELL-CONNECTED ANALYST OLIVEIROS FERREIRA, CONTINUED THAT POSSIBILITY COULD NOT BE OVERLOOKED THAT BRAZIL MIGHT DECIDE TO MAKE NUCLEAR WEAPONS, BUT THAT THIS WAS A MAJOR POLITICAL DECISION WHICH DEPENDED UPON UNCLASSIFIED

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SUFFICIENT MONEY AND QUALIFIED TECHNICIANS. ARTICLE ALSO CLAIMED US URANIUM CARTEL WAS BEHIND U.S. POLICY AND REFERRED TO ALLEGED WESTINGHOUSE PRICE FIXING.

10. FOR MOST PART, OTHER MAJOR NEWSPAPERS LIMITED THEIR COVERAGE TO LOW KEY STRAIGHT NEWS STRESSING ITAMARATY'S NEWS RELEASE, DEPARTMENT'S EXPLANATION OF WHAT U.S. CONSIDERED SENSATIVE IN THE ACCORD, AND VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE'S ANNOUNCEMENT THAT U.S. WOULD CONSULT IMMEDIATELY AND INTENSIVELY ON NON-PROLIFERATION.

11. CONTINUING ITS GENERALLY POSITIVE EDITORIAL APPROACH TO U.S. EFFORT, ESTADO EDITORIAL NOTED THAT THERE WERE TWO COMPLEMENTARY OBJECTIVES USG AND GOB SHOULD HAVE IN THEIR TALKS: HALTING PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND BRAZILIAN DEVELOPMENT. TWO SHOULD BE ABLE TO OVERCOME THEIR MISUNDERSTANDINGS THROUGH "CIVILIZED DIPLOMACY." EDITORIAL ADDED THAT IT DID NOT BELIEVE ADDITIONAL SAFEGUARDS INTERFERED WITH BRAZILIAN SOVEREIGNTY AS LONG AS GUARANTEES WERE OF AN INTERNATIONAL AND NON-DISCRIMINATORY NATURE. PAPER CONCLUDED WITH HOPE THAT DURING NEGOTIATIONS, WHICH WOULD BE LONG AND HARD, TWO GOVERNMENTS WOULD PRESERVE THEIR FRIENDSHIP AND RESPECT FOR GOOD DIPLOMATIC CUSTOMS. EDITORIAL IN RIO'S JORNAL DO BRASIL FEB. 3 NOTES THAT PAST WEEK OF US DIPLOMACY HAS RESTORED TO PROBLEM OF PROLIFERATION THE PRIORITY IT DESERVES. WHILE RECOGNIZING SOME CONFUSION IN THE CURRENT US OFFENSIVE, JORNAL SEES THE KISSINGER PROPOSAL OF REGIONAL REPROCESSING AND ENRICHMENT CENTERS AS A FORMULA FOR THE FUTURE AND URGES BRAZIL TO STUDY THE PROBLEM OF PROLIFERATION VS TECHNOLOGY IN ITS WORLD-WIDE AND GENERIC ASPECT, FOR ONLY THIS APPROACH WILL YIELD

CORRECT VIEWS AND DE-EMOTIONALIZED POSITIONS.

12. SEPTTEL COVERS FURTHER REACTION RE US PRESSURES BY  
POLITICIANS AND OTHER PUBLIC FIGURES.  
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